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FORMER SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO CURRENCY REPORTING VIOLATION

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Del Rio, Texas, this afternoon 47 year-old former attorney Jeffrey Sapyta of San Antonio, Texas, pleaded guilty to failure to file a federal currency transaction report. As a result, Sapyta faces up to five years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

According to court records, on February 15, 2002, Sapyta received \$420,000 in U.S. currency from his legal client, Robert Fansler, and failed to file a Form 8300 with the Internal Revenue Service within fifteen days of receipt of the funds.

Sentencing is set for April 17, 2006, before United States District Judge Alia Moses Ludlum.

This case was investigated by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Texas Attorney General's Office Special Crimes Division. Assistant United States Attorneys John A. Peralta and Herbert Lindsey are prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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